

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

The Missouri Valley Conference schools consisting of:

Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa
Oklahoma A. & M., Stillwater, Oklahoma
St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri
Tulsa University, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas
Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

have voted to install the new fan shape backboards. Each of the schools are making installation during the Holiday recess.

While the double round robin schedule of the Missouri Valley Conference has never started until the second week in January in past years, Washington University and St. Louis University, both of St. Louis, Mo., stole a march on the other schools and had the first meeting of the year on December 20th. Washington won in the last few seconds 32 to 31. This precedent of starting the Conference schedule before the Holiday season will probably be carried into the Conference, next year.

The ups and downs of basketball were clearly demonstrated in Marquette University's loss to Creighton 57 to 12 on Monday night, December 16th and their victory over Wisconsin University on Saturday night, December 21, by the score of 40 to 30.

In meeting the University of Nebraska, Marquette was forced to borrow all equipment from the Nebraska Frosh team. The Marquette equipment, carried in one trunk had ended up in Denver, Colorado instead of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Coach Harold Browne of the University of Nebraska has been called into service. His last work with the team was the Kentucky game which Nebraska won 40 to 39. His assistant, A. J. Lewandowski will take over until his return after a year of service for Uncle Sam.

Coach Carl "Rube" Hoy of the University of South Dakota, says: "Once in a while you have a little trouble with someone who thinks they can coach the team better than you can. I just tell them, it sure is fine. But I don't see how they can afford to do it. They don't pay me very much and working for nothing would be pretty tough."

U. S. DEFENSE CAUSES CAGE LOOP TO QUIT

TULSA, Dec. 20 (AP)--The potential effect of the national defense program on organized sports was emphasized today with suspension of the Missouri Valley A. A. U. basketball league.

The strong amateur circuit's decision to abandon operations for the 1940-1941 season due to the nation's rearmament effort was reported by President William H. Miller.

Some companies supportint teams are engaged in industry essential to defense. Miller said that meant that men could not be spared from their work to play basketball. Team managers were unable to make definite plans because of the athletes possibly being taken in the draft.